## **CLAIMS**

- 1 1. A candle comprising:
- a. a central, axial core of candle fuel;
- b. a wick, extending axially within the central core; and
- 4 c. a plurality of stacked rings having an opening, for receipt of the central core,
- 5 said rings being disposed around the central core.
- 1 2. A candle in accordance with claim 1, wherein the rings are of differing compositions.
- 1 3. A candle in accordance with claim 2, wherein the rings have differing coloring agent
- 2 compositions.
- 1 4. A candle in accordance with claim 2, wherein the rings have differing fragrances.
- 5. A candle in accordance with claim 1, wherein the rings are non-flammable.
- 1 6. A candle in accordance with claim 1, wherein the core has a lower melting point from
- 2 the rings.

- 1 7. A candle in accordance with claim 2, wherein the rings have engaging ends that have
- 2 mating surface contours.
- 8. A candle in accordance with claim 1, wherein the rings have a circular cylindrical
- 2 periphery.
- 9. A candle in accordance with claim 1, wherein the rings have a square cylindrical
- 2 periphery.
- 1 10. A candle in accordance with claim 1, wherein said opening in the rings has a diameter
- 2 substantially equal an outside diameter of the central core for mating, slidable
- engagement with the core.
- 1 11. A candle in accordance with claim 1, wherein the core extends a selected distance
- 2 above an upper-most stacked ring.
- 1 12. A candle in accordance with claim 1, wherein the core has a bottom flange extending
- 2 radially to form a base.
- 1 13. A candle in accordance with claim 12, wherein the base has a melting point higher
- 2 than the core.

- 1 14. A candle in accordance with claim 12, wherein the base is comprised of wax.
- 1 15. A candle in accordance with claim 12, wherein the base is comprised of a non-
- 2 flammable solid.
- 1 16. A candle in accordance with claim 12, wherein the periphery of the rings is
- 2 substantially in conformity with the periphery of the base.
- 1 17. A candle in accordance with claim 12, wherein at least one ring has a recessed cavity
- 2 that is matingly engageable around the base.